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REMARKS

Claims 1, 8 12, 13, 17, and 20-22 are amended herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14 and 16-22 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Section 103

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1, 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 11-143885 (JP '885) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,521 (Minami).

Claims 1, 4-6, and 8-10 recite an information processing apparatus comprising: (a) a data base storing discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page and the position information corresponded; (b) collection means for collecting the discrimination information of the object constituting the home page from the home page which is present on a network, and the position information of the home page, and registering the collected discrimination information and position information corresponded in the data base; (c) receiving means for receiving discrimination information assigned to the object constituting the home page transmitted from a terminal; (d) search means for searching the position information corresponded to discrimination information from the terminal from a data base storing discrimination information assigned to the object constituting the home page and the position information with respect to the information corresponded; (e) preparing means for preparing a list of the position information searched; (f) issue means for issuing the discrimination information not registered in the data base in response to the request from the terminal; and (g) transmission means for transmitting the list of position information.

JP '885 fails to disclose or suggest an apparatus as recited in claim 1 including discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page and/or position information of the home page. Additionally, JP '885 fails to disclose or suggest the preparing and transmission means recited in claims 1, 4-6, and 8-10. Minami,

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considered alone or in combination with JP '885, also fails to disclose or suggest these recited features.

Claim 12 recites a recording medium in which a program comprises: (a) searching step for searching position information transmitted from a terminal corresponded to discrimination information from the terminal from a data base storing discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page and the position information with respect to the information corresponded; (b) preparing step for preparing a list of the position information searched; and (c) issuing step for issuing the discrimination information not registered in the data base in response to the request from the terminal.

As discussed above, neither JP '885 nor Minami, considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the preparing step recited in claim 12. Additionally, the cited references also fail to disclose or suggest searching, preparing, and/or issuing steps for an object constituting a home page.

Claims 13, 14 and 16-19 recite an information processing apparatus comprising: (a) transmission means for transmitting discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page to the server; (b) receiving means for receiving a list of the position information with respect to the home page constituted from the object to which the discrimination information transmitted from the server corresponding to the transmission of the discrimination information is assigned; (c) display control means for displaying the list of the position information; and (d) request means for requesting the server to issue the discrimination information.

As discussed above, neither JP '885 nor Minami, considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests an apparatus as recited in claims 13, 14, and 16-19 including discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page and/or position information of the home page. Additionally, the cited references also fail to disclose or suggest the transmission means and the display control means recited in claims 13, 14, and 16-19.

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Claim 20 recites an information processing method comprising: (a) transmission step for transmitting discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page to the server; (b) receiving step for receiving a list of the position information with respect to the home page constituted from the object to which the discrimination information transmitted from the server corresponding to the transmission of the discrimination information is assigned; (c) display control step for displaying the list of the position information; and (d) issuing step for issuing the discrimination information not registered in the data base in response to the request from the terminal.

As discussed above, neither JP '885 nor Minami, considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the transmission step and the display control step as recited in claim 20. Additionally, the cited references also fail to disclose or suggest a method including transmission, receiving, display control, and/or issuing steps for an object constituting a home page.

Claim 21 recites a recording medium having a program comprising: (a) transmission step for transmitting discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page to the server; (b) receiving step for receiving a list of the position information with respect to the home page constituted from the object to which the discrimination information transmitted from the server corresponding to the transmission of the discrimination information is assigned; (c) display control for displaying the list of position information; and (d) issuing step for issuing the discrimination information not registered in the data base in response to the request from the terminal.

Neither JP '885 nor Minami, considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the transmission step and the display control step as recited in claim 21. Additionally, as discussed above, the cited references fail to disclose or suggest transmission, receiving, display control, and/or issuing steps for an object constituting a home page.

Claim 22 recites an information network system comprising a server comprising: (a) first receiving means for receiving discrimination information assigned to an object

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constituting a home page transmitted from the terminal; (b) search means for searching the position information corresponded to discrimination information from the terminal from a data base for storing discrimination information assigned to the object constituting the home page and the position information with respect to the information corresponded; (c) preparing means for preparing a list of the position information searched; and (d) first transmission means for transmitting the list of position information to the terminal, and a terminal comprising: (e) second transmission means for transmitting discrimination information assigned to the object constituting the home page to the server; (f) second receiving means for receiving the list of the position information with respect to the home page constituted from the object to which the discrimination information transmitted from the server corresponding to the transmission of the discrimination information is assigned; and (g) display control means for displaying the list of position information.

Neither JP '885 nor Minami, considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests a system as recited in claim 22 including discrimination information assigned to an object constituting a home page and/or position information of the home page. Additionally, the cited references fail to disclose or suggest preparing means, first transmission means, second transmission means, and display control means as recited in claim 22.

In view of the above, the Section 103 rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that there is an issue that could be resolved by an interview, Applicant requests the Examiner contract the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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As it is believed the application is in condition for allowance, favorable action and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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